

Amendments to the specification:

Please replace the 3rd paragraph on page 26 beginning ““**Imbalanced pH range/imbalanced proton homeostasis”...**” and ending “...is a local or systemic pH value other than 7.36 to 7.44.” with the following paragraph in which the hyperlink has been removed.

“Imbalanced pH range/ imbalanced proton homeostasis” - The range of normal arterial pH (7.36 to 7.44) encompasses approximately two standard deviations of the normal population; anything outside this range is considered abnormal. Clinically, the "safe" range for pH is approximately 7.30 to 7.52; within this range, pH per se is not usually life-threatening. A pH outside this range is potentially life-threatening because of altered enzymatic activity and enhanced myocardial irritability, and direct steps should be taken to return the pH to normal. Thus, “imbalanced pH/imbalanced proton homeostasis” means in the context of this patent application is a local or systemic pH value other than 7.36 to 7.44.